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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9, as follows:

9 (Twice Amended). A method for determining a local time base of video object planes (VOPs) in compressed data that includes a time code, a modulo time base and a time base increment, wherein the time code is stored in a group of pictures (GOP) header inserted at a beginning of the compressed data, the modulo time base indicating a predetermined time interval to be combined with one of the time code and a reference time base, the time base increment representing a time increment from a reference time base marked by the modulo time base, the method comprising:

decoding the time code;

decoding the modulo time base of a video object plane;

decoding the time base increment of the video object plane; and

determining the local time base of the video object plane by one of:

combining the decoded modulo time base and the decoded time base increment with the decoded time code when the video object plane is a first plane in a display order after the group of pictures (GOP) header; and

combining the decoded modulo time base and the decoded time base increment with the reference time base marked by the decoded modulo time base of a preceding video object plane when the video object plane is a plane subsequent to the first plane.

Please amend claim 10, as follows: